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SENATOR POINDEXTER SPEAKS AT CONVOCAATION

HONORARY DEGREES PRESENTED

Senator Poindexter Speaks at Convocation—Candidates Receive Degrees from Deans.

"The people who go out of this University equipped with the moral and intellectual weapons acquired here will have an opportunity to use them in correcting the errors of the world today," said Senator Miles Poindexter, in addressing the Fall Convocation of George Washington University. Senator Poindexter said the war had developed a new order and expressed the hope that it would not prove a new disorder. "This is a time of loose thinking when the trained mind of the student is needed."

"The work of the University is now more important than ever before. Information can be acquired when needed but correct thinking must be developed. Therefore the teaching of correct thinking is necessary."

Senator Poindexter expressed the opinion that the development of character is the most important work of any University. He said: "As reason is greater than learning, character is deeper than intellect. Physical, moral and spiritual qualities make character. Education should have as its purpose the making of character."

The Fall Convocation exercises opened in the Masonic Temple, October 23, with an invocation by the Reverend Roland Cotton (Smith, A.M., D.D., rector of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square. Following the prayer, Senator Poindexter addressed the gathering. President Collier presided at the exercises.

Presentation of degrees started with the presentation of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Medicine to Thomas Cajas, of Porto Rico, M.D., 1918, George Washington University. Dean Wilbur presented the candidate for his degree in Columbian College.

Dean Ruediger presented the following candidates for degrees in the Teachers' College: Bachelor of Arts, Alexander Mathias Bellony, Master's Diploma in Education, Marquis Lafayette Lennon, Tennessee, A.B., 1912, Union University, A.M., 1918, G. W. U., and Mabel Alida Robey, Maryland, A.B., 1917, A.M., 1918, G. W. U.

Candidates for degrees in the Law School were presented by Dean Ferson. The following received degrees: Bachelor of Laws, Chester Arthur Brody, New York, Letcher Benjamin Connell, Tennessee, Herbert Watson Cornell, Colorado, A.B., 1908, University of Colorado; John Aaron Fray, California; A. B. 1909, Missouri Valley College; Karl Benjamin Friedland, Utah, Master of Laws, Edward George Brenner, Minnesota.

Dean Borden presented the following students for degrees in the Medical School: Doctor of Medicine, Thomas Benton Crisp, Jr., D. C.

The following candidates for degrees in the Dental School were presented by Dean Mess: Doctors of Dental Surgery, David Scott Austin, N. Y.; Nathaniel Hawthorne Brown, N. J.; Julia Sylvia Coghill, Mass.; Frank Leonard

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SESSUE TOGA DECRIES ON STU. COUNCIL

HON. HATCHET:

I digress back to Hon. America and are arrived in National Capital for visit of inspectum of famed University. Truly, Hon. Hatchet, American youths are lofty in its way. I have been sitting on job as reporter at Hon. Peace Con., Paris, France. Nevertheless, said Con. is not on it with Stu. Council and dispute. Approaching venerable asphalt campus, I view numerous boys holding small-size Peace Cons. with friendly abandon.

"For why?" I endeavor, grasping youthful boy-by button hole in manner of American reporter.

"We want a Stu. Council," he enunciate with prideful racket.

"Are there none?" decry Japanese schoolboy.

"We want some more!" he emphasize. I snigger for inspiration. Hon. Hatchet—truly lovely Paris are imported. Soon I behold approaching Hon. Dignified Sr.

"Why for are this here Stu. Council," I make bold.

"For care-taking intrusts of them that can't," he in hibit with calm.

"O," I remark, to Hon. Self, thinking of ex-job, "La Belle Paree!"

Now why, Hon. Hatchet, should not American college have Peace Con.? Hon. Stu. Council are not room enough for such distinguished dispute. Consider those rare chance for friendly quarrel! What passion of literature from Hon. Frosh! Are it not hard to desist? And continuous job often not doing much. Let's do it, suggest lowly Japanese schoolboy.

Writing this with haste and a bad pen, Hoping you are the same,

SESSUE TOGA.

FIRST STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE NOVEMBER 11

The first Student Council dance of the year will be held at Mrs. Dyer's, 1517 R Street, Tuesday, November 11. The sale of tickets will be limited to 85 because of the capacity of the hall.

The Social Committee in charge of

All members of the Junior Class are requested to register their names and addresses immediately at The Hatchet office or with George S. ... the Secretary.



Sigma Phi Epsilon.

1921.

B. L. Clark.

1922.

Robert W. Marshall.

Robert Y. Edwards.

E. B. Collins.

1923.

A. L. Englebert.

W. M. Schwartz.

C. S. Shotwell.

B. L. Foster, Jr.

J. H. Metzger.

K. H. Wood.

D. J. Fuqua.

Sigma Chi.

1923.

Arthur Voelker.

There will be a short meeting of all students interested in Track in Room 41, 2023 G St., on October 30th, at 7:00 p.m.

the dance has offered to give one free ticket to any person selling fifteen tickets and also one free ticket to the person drawing the best poster in advertisement of the dance.

Real snappy music has been secured and the council will change its former policy a bit by serving refreshments. 'Nough said.

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ALCHEMISTS REVIVE SOCIETY

First Meeting of the Year Held at Fraternity House.

RELICS REVERENTLY EXHIBITED

A meeting of the "Alchemists" was held Thursday night at the Sigma Nu House to discuss important matters which have been pending for several years.

The activities of the society were partially suspended during the recent world war, when a large number of its members went into the service and were sent either to distant parts of this country or abroad. Now that the war is over and a number of the former members have returned to the University to complete their work leading to degrees, and a number of the alumni have returned to their former residence in Washington, the meeting was primarily the result of a desire to revive and extend the society.

As some of our readers may not know the history of this organization, it may be said that it was instituted at George Washington in 1910 as "The Ancient and Accepted Order of the Mystic Adepts of the Sacred Art," later being known as "The Alchemists." The members claim a long lineage and one of the ancient writers, speaking of the "Mysteries of Isis and Anubis," states that Adam was probably the first Alchemist—certainly Hermes Mercurius Trismigistus was an Adept.

After the business meeting, a literary program was given, including a paper on "The Marrow of Alchemy," and abstracts from the Journal of the Alchemical Society of London, England.

Relics, reverently exhibited, were the Sodid Hydrolith and the Emerald Tablets discovered by Alexander at the Temple of Apis.

The next meeting of the Sacred Order will be announced in THE HATCHET.

The Hatchet is "The Students' Medium"—subscribe.

ENGINEERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

Mr. James and Mr. Wetherill Address Society—Films of Battle Front in France Shown.

SPHINX SOCIETY SERVES SUPPER

The Engineering Society held its first regular meeting of the year Monday evening, the 20th.

Mr. W. S. James, a graduate of the Engineering School, and now in charge of the dynamometer work at the Bureau of Standards, made a short address on the subject, "Mechanical Power and the Engineer."

Mr. Frederick V. Wetherill of the Engineering School, who is the assistant engineer in charge of the Bureau of Standards Power Plant, delivered a lecture on the construction of the new Industrial Building at the Bureau. Mr. Wetherill's lecture was illustrated by a motion picture showing the construction from the breaking of the ground to the putting on the roof. This picture, in addition to being instructive, was a novelty. In taking the picture, one exposure was made every five minutes of the working day, the result being that when it was projected on the screen, the building appeared to grow as if by magic. The derricks, steam shovels, trucks, workmen, etc., in some instances moved so fast the eye could not follow them.

There were also shown several thousand feet of film taken on the battle front in France.

The question of preparing designs for a pin representative of the entire Engineering School, to supplant the present one, was discussed. Any students having ideas as to appropriate designs, are invited to submit them to the president of the society, Casper L. Cottrell.

The meeting was preceded by a supper prepared and served by the girls of the Sphinx Honor Society.

PYRAMID HOLDS FIRST MEETING TUESDAY

Society Announces Men Who Are Active in Student Endeavor Active to Membership.

Pyramid will hold its first meeting tomorrow evening, Tuesday, October 28, at the Law School. Louis Maxson, of track fame many years ago, was elected President, last spring, to serve for the year 1919-1920, but has moved away from the city and will be unable to attend. The meeting is called by the vice-president.

Pyramid is the Senior Honor Society of George Washington. Only seniors in college who have distinguished themselves in student activities are eligible for membership. While excellence in one line of endeavor has in particular cases been deemed sufficient to meet the entrance requirements in the past, it is not often that a man makes Pyramid who has been, not only interested, but active, in several of the student affairs of George Washington University. Election to this honor society is something to be aspired to by all men in school, as it is indeed a signal mark of distinction.

At this first meeting of the Pyramid it is probable that plans for its activities this year will be formulated, and it is likely that candidates for the fall initiation will be discussed.

FORMER GEORGE WASHINGTON STUDENT HAS TWO DECADES OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Homer Hoch, Republican from the fourth district of Kansas and former student at the law school here, began his active work in political campaigning in 1898.

From that time until 1918, when he was elected to the present Congress by a big majority, he has continued to be identified with political movements in his native state. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions at the last Republican State Convention and has served before in similar capacities.

He was for years connected with all sorts of community affairs and was President of the School Board, member of the Library, Church and County Y. M. C. A. Boards and leader of his church's Bible Class. War activities claimed part of his time and he worked as Chariman, County Council of Defense, County Food Administrator and Member Legal Advisory Board.

In addition, Mr. Hoch was active in newspaper and law businesses and spoke often in all parts of Kansas on civic and educational subjects.

ACTIVE AT BAKER UNIVERSITY

While in Baker University he took part in student activities of all sorts, particularly in debates and other Literary Society Contests. He represented the University at the State College Oratorical Contest at Winfield, Kansas, and came out with first honors. He was also representative of Kansas at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest held at St. Paul, Minn.

INITIATED BY DELTA TAU DELTA HERE.

While attending George Washington he was initiated by the Gamma Eta Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, on the status of an alumnus of Alpha Omega, a local at Baker, absorbed by the National Fraternity.

Alpha Omega was a society of long standing at Baker University and when granted a Charter by Delta Tau was allowed to make provision for the initiation of all alumni. Under this ruling, Mr. Hoch was duly initiated by the local chapter.

TAUGHT BY JUSTICE HARLAN.

Justice Harlan was a member of the faculty at the Law School at the time Mr. Hoch went there. Under Mr. Harlan, the Congressman studied Constitutional Law, Torts and Personal Property.

The Justice was a great favorite with the boys, frequently coming to class attired in full dress—not having time to change before attending some evening function—and invariably carrying a red bandana handkerchief.

In connection with stories of the Justice, it is interesting to note that a new legal club has recently been organized at the Law School, known as the Harlan Law Club, "being named after the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the Supreme Court of the United States, who was a member of the Faculty for eleven years."

The Congressional Record gives the following condensed account of Mr. Hoch's career:

"Homer Hoch, Republican, son of former Governor of Kansas, Ed Hoch, was born at Marion, Kans., July 4, 1879; graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kans., class of 1902, with A.B. degree; attended George Washington, D. C., two years, and one year at Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kans., receiving degree of LL.B. from Washburn, class of 1909; served in Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., 1903-1905, as clerk, Chief of Appointment Division, and confidential clerk to purchasing agent; private secretary to Governor of Kansas, 1907-8; married, June 7, 1905, to Miss Edna Wharton; two children; is an editor and lawyer; elected to the Sixty-sixth Congress November 5, 1918."

Prof. Henning, Dean of the Graduate School, has contracted with D. C. Heath & Co. to bring out an annotated edition of Hervieu's "La Course de Flambeau." The book is intended as a text for schools.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON ART SOCIETY REVIVED

George Washington Art Society Revived
The George Washington Art Society held its first meeting Monday night, October 20th, in Room 24, 2023 G St. A brief description of the works and benefits to be derived from the Art Society was given by Mr. Cameron Burton, of the Student Council Committee, to reorganize defunct student activities.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Grant Keener; Vice-President, Kathryn Ayers; Sect.-Treas., Beverly Harris. The students elected to these offices have shown much interest in school activities, especially in the line of work furnished by the Art Society.

A large number of students were present at the meeting and promised to do their best in an effort to enlarge the membership of the Art Society and to furnish the necessary advertisement in the way of cartoons, posters and signs for George Washington organizations and publications.

Mr. Burton offered two tickets to the Student Council dance as a reward to some member of the Art Society. One of the tickets is to go to the member of the Art Society who furnishes the best poster to advertise the first Student Council dance, to be held November 11th, and the other to the member who furnishes the best poster for the Class Scrap, to be held Saturday night, November 22nd.

Despite the large number at the first meeting, there will be work enough for many new members and suitable rewards will be given to those who do the work along with the honor which goes with it, as each piece of work will bear the name of the artist who furnishes it.

The next meeting of the Art Society will be called at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, October 28th.

CHERRY TREE.

All who expect to be candidates for the position of Editor or Business Manager of the 1919-20 Cherry Tree should communicate at once with Eugene Underwood, Chairman of the Student Council Committee on Publications. Underwood may be reached by letter through The Hatchet office.

FRESHMAN REPLIES TO HAZING RULES

Writes Letter to Hatchet in Answer to Rules Published in Second Issue.

STUPID STEVE MAKES CLEAR POSITION OF FROSH

[The following letter was received at THE HATCHET Office, evidently written by a Freshman. Unfortunately he did not sign his name (Oh, that he had) for we would greatly like to become better acquainted with him. However, we will endeavor to answer his letter in detail in such a manner that even a Freshman can understand it. Note.—In the letter he refers to "the Freshmen of '22," which shows the extent of his mentality.]

HARK, YE NOBLE SOPHMORES!

"To you, the Freshmen of '22 hasten to give some valuable information. Take this into your unabsorbing minds. 'Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.' Thus we will not endeavor to bestow upon you our wonderful accumulation of knowledge. It is far too valuable to be wasted in such a useless manner. We realize that your heads are far too large in proportion to your mentality and we remember the old saying, 'Big heads and nothing in them.' The Sophomore ladies are very fine company for such noble men as we, and if they should prefer we Freshmen to you Sophs, you must admit their choice is well founded, as we are better looking men! We would advise you not to further ridicule us, as the time will soon come when you shall be very glad to receive any recognition we may show toward you whatsoever."

Stupid Steve Answers as Follows: HARK YE FRESHMEN!

Ye unsophisticated sons of the shade of Erin's National Emblem, harken and take note of these sayings, for pearls are about to be cast before swine; "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." How well it is for thee to speak thy mind and show thy puny intellect for fools rush in where angels fear to tread. We know that thee will not bestow upon us thy wonderful accumulation of knowledge for it is far too valuable to be wasted in such a useless manner" when it might be more appropriately used for

the fertilization of thy colossal egotism.

We realize that our heads are "far too large in proportion to our mentality," for, verily, we must have the room for the knowledge that our Alma Mater is to bestow upon us during the coming terms. But ye of poor and ignoble verdure are not wise enough to appreciate the knob, which serves to keep your spine from unraveling, and which in other colleges is required to be covered with a green cap. In this college, however, such a requirement is not necessary, for one in your position in life is apparent by the flatness of your cranium and the huge proportion of your ears, which resemble those of the "genus Equus Asinus."

Yes, the Sophomore ladies are very fine company "for such noble men" as thee, and if they should "prefer we freshmen" (consult English composition and learn it should be us Freshmen), it is because they must have some form of frivolity and naturally have a feeling that thy path is wearisome and ye of small intellects must be guided along the straight and narrow path, else your tottering footsteps would fail. They alone have compassion on you.

Far be it from us to "further ridicule thee," the mere suggestion being ridiculous, for verily, actions speak louder than words, and thy actions are such that they resemble a Chinese orchestra in full operation, e.g., quite a bit of noise and no harmony.

And harken, ye Freshmen! This is the last that the mighty Sophomore will design to notice your ignoble existence.

"A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT."

In connection with the above, the following pathetic attempt at humor (Frosh humor) was enclosed:

Frosh: Hey, Soph, have you a minute?

Soph: Yes, what do you want?

Frosh: I want you to tell me all you know.

We refer you to the University of Pennsylvania Year Book for 1915, from which this "joke" appears to be a steal, except in the year book the characters are reversed.

In reply to the following question: "Sophomores, please favor the Freshman by sharing some of your long accumulated knowledge by answer to this question."

Question: What would happen if an irresistible force hit an immovable object?

Answer: Pandemonium (suggest that the Frosh seek relief in Webster's).

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Pi Beta Phi entertained at luncheon in the rooms October 2nd for Mrs. Helmick, former chairman of Pi Phi's Settlement School, Miss Marguerite Weller Hynson and Mrs. Williams.

Sigma Chi held its second dance of the season at the Chapter House on Saturday, October 18.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held its first formal dance at the Chapter House November 1, 1919.

Theta Deltis entertained at a formal dance last Friday night at its Charge House, 1842 Calvert street. Patrons for the affair were Dean and Mrs. Wilbur, Senator and Mrs. France of Maryland, Col. and Mrs. Cassius Dowell, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Bruce McGruder, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Schoenfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clarkson. Three of this season's debutants were present. They were Miss Virginia Sutherland, Miss Abigail Harbey of Washington and Miss Mildred Sisson of New York.

Chi Omega entertained in the sorority rooms with a Bolshevik dinner. Red lanterns and greens, together with a purely Russian bill-of-fare, gave a Slavic atmosphere to the scene.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon smoker of October 18 attracted one of the largest gatherings in the annals of D. C. Alpha. Dr. Swisher of Columbian College gave a very graphic talk on his experiences in Europe at the beginning of the war. A musical program was followed by light refreshments and a general mixer.

Phi Mu entertained Thursday night at a supper party for Miss Barr, a Phi Mu from the University of Missouri, who is doing relief work at Walter Reed Hospital.

The dance given for the pledge men of Kappa Alpha Fraternity proved to be a great success. The committee, consisting of James Hugh Davis, John Wood and George Meyers, arranged a mock wedding, which was presented very effectively. Dancing continued until 1 o'clock. The chaperones were Mrs. W. R. Myers and Mrs. Sidney Hollingsworth.

Delta Tau Delta's Halloween dance, planned for the 31st, is to be the first formal affair of this season. Congressmen Purnell of Indiana and Hock of Kansas, with their wives and children, are to chaperon the dance.

Pi Beta Phi will give a shower Saturday at the house of Ruth Bruening for Elizabeth Heitmuller, '18, who is to be married November 8.

Gee, how these Engineers do eat!

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Mary Martini and Helen Bunker, Gamma Chapter of Chi Omega, have just returned from Paris after three months' war service.

Oscar Styron, C. C. '19, is studying at Lehigh this year.

Preston Haynes, Sigma Chi's McCormack, is taking vocal lessons. Pres doesn't know whether he wants to be a Medicine Man or a song bird.

Gus Harris and A. L. Swem have gone to Massachusetts Tech this year.

W. W. McCaslin, of Va. Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, has been affiliated with D. C. Alpha, and is registered in the Law School.

Anita Veale, Phi Delta Delta, who received her Master's degree in Law last June, is now in Los Angeles, Cal., studying for the bar examination, and Jeannette Jewell, of the class of 1918 is in San Francisco doing likewise.

Heine Lowry is now practicing dentistry in the Davidson Building in this city. (High-grade boiler-making a specialty.)

Tommy Tucker, College of City of New York, '17, who has acquired a wide acquaintance among the younger set of Washingtonians, as an ensign in the Navy, dropped in at the Theta Delt House Monday for a week's visit. He was one of the headliners at Keith's last week.

Edwin Wright Lee Miller of Tau Chapter of Kappa Sigma spent several days here last week. He is assistant postmaster at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Ida Carroll, one of Phi Delta Delta's freshmen, was married October 16 to Edgar K. Baker.

P. H. Steltz and Robert Cramer have gone to Carnegie Tech this year.

Last Monday evening Mary Newcomb gave an interesting account of her trip to France to an audience of Sigma Kappas.

Henry Ravenal, Eng., '16, is studying law at the University of Michigan.

Verne P. Simmonds of Missouri is registered at the Law School, class of '22.

Larrie Henshall was called home, recently on account of the illness of his father.

John Townsend and George Bowen, Sigma Phi Epsilon, left October 22 for Indianapolis, Ind., to attend the biennial convocation of the fraternity.

Billie Wilbur, Eng., '16, has resigned his commission in the Navy and is manager of a factory in Boston.

Eugene Underwood has demonstrated the practical advantages of the voluntary tax by spending several days at the University Hospital while having his tonsils removed.

Mildred Herbst, Pi Phi, spent the last week-end in Annapolis.

The marriage bug circulated among the members of the Senior Medic Class during the summer. The benedicts are Jack Zerbe, Charlton King, Marshall Bland and "Reds" Goodman.

Sickness is prevalent in the Med School. Mr. Stultz and Roland Klemme are still unable to resume their studies because of recent ill health.

Russell Hollingsworth, who is at the Emergency Hospital recovering from appendicitis, received a box of cigars recently as a present from the Senior Medics.

Newcomer and Griffith were confined at St. Elizabeths last week. The only question bothering the Medical School is, "Who let them out!"

Wilbur Bowen, Junior Medic, is endeavoring to make good the loss of the feminine element.

The Freshman Meds were glad to have Mr. Henderson return to his studies, and trusts that he will complete the year without further illness.

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ANDERSON ELECTED TO HEAD JUNIORS

Robert N. Anderson, C. C. '21, was elected President of the Junior Class at a meeting held for the purpose of organization in the Assembly Hall of the Arts and Sciences Building, October 16th.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Harry W. Newman; Secretary, George R. Sheriff; Treasurer, William Ballenger.

The newly elected officers addressed the class briefly, the keynote of the talks being "co-operation." Plans were made for regular meetings and for a Junior Prom in the near future.

The class, under the able leadership of its new President, bids fair to make itself remembered in the annals of George Washington.

SOPHOMORE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

A meeting of the Second Year Law Class was called on Wednesday, October 15, by the President of last year, Mr. Brantley C. Harris, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

The election was marked by a great deal of enthusiasm and pep, many stump speeches being made by the embryo lawyers in favor of their candidates.

Mr. John D. Watkins, honor man of the last year's freshman class, was elected President by an overwhelming majority. Miss Etta L. Taggart was unanimously re-elected Vice-President. Miss Glenn Eno was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. Harry Sokolov was elected to guard the treasury of the class.

Plans are being formulated for a class dance to take place in the near future. Miss Taggart has charge of the arrangements.

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The response to the appeal of the voluntary tax was not as enthusiastic as the Council expected, but it is thought enough money to finance the various activities has been secured.

The tax stubs that are being signed by the Deans will be returned as follows:

Law—In the Dean's office.
Medical—George Dazey or Fred Freeland.

Dental—Edward Leifer.

Engineering—In Dean Hodgkin's office.

Columbian College—Tex Nall, Bob Mudgitt, Art Volker, in the hall at 2023 G Street.

If stubs can not be obtained from the proper person, send a note to that effect to Eugene Underwood, care of THE HATCHET.

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Dailey, Wash.; Robert Edward Greene, N. Y.; Charles Inbender, N. Y.; Mark Jailer, N. Y.; Bernard Link, N. Y.; Benjamin Moskowitz, N. J.; William Sidney Rhodes, Va.; Emanuel Shantz, N. J.; Noah Cleveland Sechrist, Pa.; Walter Daniel Sullivan, Miss.

Acting Dean Henning presented candidates for degrees in the school of Graduate Studies, as follows: Master of Science, George Washington Salzer, N. Y., A.B. 1918, G. W. U.; Master of Arts, Frank Deane Moore, D. C., A.B. 1918, G. W. U.; Doctor of Philosophy, Edward Elmer Smith, D. C., B.S. 1914, University of Idaho, M.S. 1916, G. W. U.

Four honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were presented. The recipients of the degrees were, William A. Day, Otto Herman Kahn, Miles Poindexter and John DuBois-Teller.

Following the presentation of degrees President Collier addressed the graduates. The benediction was pronounced

INTERFRATERNITY MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR

Bowling League Formed—Rushing Rules Discussed.

The Interfraternity Association held its second meeting of the year at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House on the morning of Sunday, October 19th. Every member of the Association was represented.

It was decided to have an Interfraternity Bowling League, each fraternity to meet every other fraternity twice. An appropriation was made to purchase a suitable trophy, and a lively contest for its possession is assured. The committee appointed to arrange the schedule and other details consists of Mr. L. B. Young, Mr. R. K. Hollingsworth, and Mr. H. J. Nichols.

A series of three informal smokers was planned, and Mr. C. R. Allen, Mr. Radford Brown and Mr. R. S. Nagle appointed as a committee on arrangements. The dates will be announced later.

The Association has under consideration the question of adopting rushing rules for the men's fraternities. A set of regulations has been drafted and submitted to the fraternities that are members of the Association for ratification. It is hoped that it will be possible to have a good set of definite rules adopted this year as the need is felt more now than the University has grown so large. The acceptance of such rules has repeatedly been declined by several fraternities during the past two or three years, and although there is still a great deal of opposition, the matter is being considered much more favorably this time.

by Reverend Smith. The musical program was under the direction of Sol Minster.

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A LITTLE ACTION!

The question of representation in the Student Council for Freshmen and men who have returned from service in the Army and Navy is one which has caused much comment about school.

Three letters, one in favor of a re-election and two opposed to it, have been printed in THE HATCHET. "Gumshoeing" and circular letters have been in evidence, but no definite action has been taken that we can see.

The situation resolves itself into this: one faction counselling a re-election and purposing to institute a new custom in the place of one that heretofore has proved efficient; the other opposing any such move.

The thing to do to stop the certainly unnecessary wrangling is for the faction favoring a new Student Council to present its ideas and plans to the Faculty Committee on student activities.

One thing, however, is necessary. It is for this faction to present some practical means whereby such a referendum may be effected. Ideas are good—certainly. But ideas without practical suggestions are worthless—they but serve to confuse!

The Faculty Committee is open for suggestions that will broaden the scope of student activities and allow the whole "body politic" a say in the direction of such activities.

ORGANIZE THE CLASSES.

The Junior Class of Columbian College, by its recent action in organizing and formulating a regular schedule of meetings and social gatherings, has set an example which the other classes in the University may well follow.

A capable organization with a definite aim in view may ably accomplish signal success in any effort which it undertakes. By so organizing and by choosing such an aim, the Junior class will effect, not only the success it seeks, but draw the members into closer fellowship and stimulate interest in the activities of the University.

The Junior Prom, for such is planned, will revive one of the customs of not so long ago and will noise abroad the fact that the Juniors are up and doing.

The other classes, by giving reasonable attention to the plans and purposes of the "already started" Juniors, will find great profit to be derived from them.

The Forum

(Signed articles relative to phases of student activities and the University in general will be printed in this column.)

Editor, THE HATCHET,
George Washington University,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

Below you will find a copy of a petition being circulated among the students in the Law School which explains itself sufficiently without more ado from me.

It may be well to add, however, that the matter has received the approval of Dean Person, who informs me that last year he himself endeavored to get similar action. He hopes, in conjunction with the support of the students, to be successful in securing to those who desire the same the opportunity to work for the degree herein mentioned.

"To the Trustees of the George Washington University:

"The following students, graduates of recognized colleges and universities of the United States, respectfully petition that the degree of J.D. (Juris Doctor) be granted them in lieu of the degree LL.B. under conditions which will safeguard the standards of the University for the following reasons:

"1. The three years of study in the College of Law are three years of professional postgraduate work comparable to that which is required of college graduates who pursue the courses for the degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy, etc.

"2. A large number of the better institutions of the United States already recognize this distinction and now grant this degree. Among the number the following may be cited: University of California, University of Chicago, University of Florida, University of Illinois, University of Indiana, Leland Stanford University, University of Michigan, University of North Dakota, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, University of Oregon, University of Southern California, Tulane University.

"3. The offer of the degree of Juris Doctor would have a tendency to attract college graduates to the school inasmuch as this degree has come to have a definite meaning throughout the country.

"The conditions and requirements surrounding the granting of the degree could be worked out in such a way that it would be a positive advantage to the University, and a standard of scholarship could be demanded which would be an incentive to better work.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Name. Institution. Year and Degree." Students desirous of securing the above mentioned degree with its innumerable advantages, etc., should make it a point to sign one of these petitions a number of which will be found available in the halls and classrooms of the Law School.

I shall appreciate your being able to give the matter set out above some publicity in THE HATCHET.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON SHAPIRO, Law '20.

The Editor, UNIVERSITY HATCHET,

DEAR SIR:

I would like to heartily commend your article with regard to the Student Council, which appeared in last week's issue of THE HATCHET. You certainly speak the truth when you say that the problem of a new Student Council Election vitally concerns every member of the student body. I noticed in the same issue two letters, one written by Mr. Earnest and the other by Mr. Underwood, which seemed to indulge a little too much in personalities to cause their arguments to be taken seriously by the student body. I suggest that personalities be left out and that we give serious thought which means so much to our University life.

The time has now come for sober thought and deliberate action, and it seems evident that the council, in order to do its best work, must have the undivided support of the student body. Has the Council that support at the present time? I believe not, and in my opinion a referendum would solve the question. Let the students speak!

Sincerely WILLIAM L. NEILL, JR.

LAW STUDENTS ADOPT NOVEL METHOD OF ELECTION

Owing to the fact that it is very difficult to get the Senior Law Class together, due to the variety in choice of third year topics, it has been decided to nominate and elect the class officers this year by a special ballot.

Mr. Solomon Shappirio, the member of the Student Council in charge of the election, will distribute forms to each member of the class, on which the student is to name his nominee for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. When all the ballots have been turned in, the three persons having the highest number of the nominations for President will be declared the class nominee for President; the three persons having the highest number of ballots for Vice-President will be declared nominee for that office; and likewise for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

The names of the nominees will be placed on cards and distributed to the members of the class who will note their choice for each office by checking his name, and signing the ballot. The Student Council committee will then count the ballots and announce the successful candidates.

It is hoped that this plan will make it possible for each member of the Senior Class to have a voice in the election of class officers. For ballot forms or information Seniors are directed to see Mr. Shappirio. Be sure in making out both the ballots for nomination and for final election that each ballot is dated and signed.

W. U. C. ANNOUNCES TAG DAY.

Miss Agnes Nelson, W. U. C., presided over the chapel service Monday, October 20. Announcement was made of the Tag-Day Saturday, November 8, for the benefit of George Washington University Hospital. All Students of the University are urged to aid on that day and especially in the morning.

She announced that the Girls Glee Club will hold a meeting on Friday after chapel service to elect officers and make plans for the coming year.

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My dear Stupe: Can you tell me on what day Christmas came in 1894?
Answer: Sure! On December the 25th.

Dear Stupid: How may one become Editor of The Hatchet?

Answer: "Ask Mr. Foster" (Hagan), he knows.

Dear Mr. Stephen: Which end of a street car is one supposed to get off?

Answer: It don't matter—both ends stop.

Dear Steve: Is Pekofslowsky a Socialist or a Bolshevik?

Answer: Oh, yes!

Dear Mr. Steve: Don't you think we owe a lot to our Alma Mater?

Answer: Sure, but you may be able to leave town before they catch you.

Dear Steve: I heard someone in History say they had found Columbus' bones. Is there any foundation for such a statement?

Answer: I didn't know he was a gambling man.

Dean Henning announces that last year's registration in the School of Graduate Studies has been passed.

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Week of October 27th.

Monday—

Phi Delta Phi Smoker.
University Club, 8 p.m.

Tuesday—

Art Society Meeting.
A. & S. Assembly, 8 p.m.

Wednesday—

Student Council Meeting.
A. & S. Assembly, 8 p.m.

Thursday—

Dramatic Meeting (try-outs).
A. & S. Assembly, 8 p.m.

Friday—

Halloween Formal Dance.
Delta Tau Delta House.

Saturday—

Halloween Barn Dance.
Sigma Chi House.
Halloween Dance.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon House.

Sunday—

Big Day—All Sororities.

Poems by Stupid Steve

T'was the Night Before Payday.
(Apologies to T'was the Night Before Xmas.)

T'was the night before payday,
And all thru my jeans,
I hunted and hunted for the
Price of some beans.
Not a quarter was stirring,
Not even a "jit."
The coin was off duty—
Milled edges had quit.
Move forward! Move forward!
Oh, Time, in your flight;
And give me tomorrow,
Just for tonight.

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And never care to see one.
But if there is a purple cow,
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